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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TRANSFORMANT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLYESTER BY USING THE SAME

the specification of which (check one):

_____ is attached hereto
 or
 _____ was filed on 18 May, 2001 ✓
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 as PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/04158
 and _____ was filed on 3 January 2002 ✓
 as United States Application No. _____
 and X was amended on 3 January 2002 .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. '1.56.

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2000-148726 JP	19 May 2000	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	2000-
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